



## Interagency Coordinating Group

### MEMBERSHIP

Governor's Office  
AZ Dept of Administration  
AZ Corporation Commission  
AZ Commission on Indian Affairs  
AZ Dept of Agriculture  
AZ Dept of Commerce  
AZ Dept of Environmental Quality  
AZ Game & Fish Dept  
AZ Dept of Health Services  
AZ Dept of Real Estate  
AZ State Land Dept  
AZ State Parks  
AZ Dept of Transportation  
AZ Cooperative Extension  
Central AZ Water Conservation District  
USDA - Natural Resources Conservation Service  
USDA - Farm Services  
USDA - Forest Service  
U.S. Bureau of Reclamation  
U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs  
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service  
U.S. Bureau of Land Management  
U.S. National Park Service  
U.S. Geological Survey  
Salt River Project  
Non-Governmental Organizations

### CO-CHAIRS

AZ Department of Water Resources  
AZ Division of Emergency Management

### Primary Role - Mitigation and Response

Comprised of state, federal, tribal and non-governmental organizations, this group provides an integral mechanism to coordinate and integrate drought planning and management on all lands within Arizona.

### Objectives

#### Mitigation & Response

- Direct state agency action to assess, implement and develop response options
- Identify pre-drought mitigation and adaptation options
- Make recommendations to the Governor for resources necessary to provide assistance and continued implementation of the *Arizona Drought Preparedness Plan*

#### Advisor to the Governor

- Provide Governor with updates on an annual basis
- Advise the Governor of changes in drought conditions
- Request a drought declaration if conditions warrant
  - \* By May 1, based on water supply status
  - \* By November 1, based on ancillary drought impacts

#### Drought Plan Review

- Review effectiveness of mitigation and response actions with the Monitoring Technical Committee and the Local Area Impact Assessment Groups each year by November 15th
- Make recommendations for improving monitoring, implementation and response



Photo courtesy of Kelly Redmond, Western Regional Climate Center

## Background Information

The Governor's Drought Task Force, established in March 2003, developed the *Arizona Drought Preparedness Plan* to address drought issues facing Arizonans. As part of the Plan, the Interagency Coordinating Group directs state agency actions to assess, implement and develop response options. In addition, the Monitoring Technical Committee and Local Area Impact Assessment Groups throughout the state provide important information to ADWR regarding drought conditions and actual local impacts to water users. (MORE BELOW)

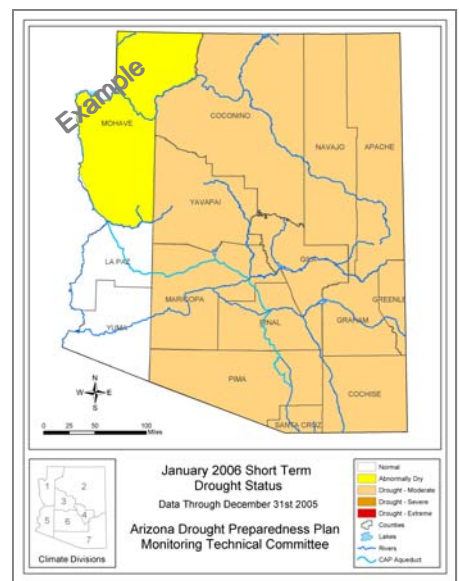
**Key to the implementation of the *Arizona Drought Preparedness Plan* is the creation of three structured committees**

### Monitoring Technical Committee

*On-going technical data gathering and information dissemination group*

- Tracks changes in climate and physical conditions
- Forecasts likely future conditions
- Critical in early warning and detection
- Determines drought conditions based on monitoring data

The Monitoring Technical Committee uses local area impact assessment information, along with scientific data, to determine drought conditions in each climate division.



*ADWR serves as the facilitator of the Monitoring Technical Committee and the Interagency Coordinating Group, provides staff support and web services, and assists with report development and public outreach.*

### Interagency Coordinating Group

Provides policy guidance for the *Arizona Drought Preparedness Plan* and advises the Governor on drought conditions.

### Local Area Impact Assessment Groups

Local Area Impact Assessment Groups are county-level groups created voluntarily to coordinate drought public awareness, provide impact assessment information to local and state leaders, and initiate and implement local mitigation or response options.

